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upon Provincial Officials

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1. Provincial officials are presently attending Bangkok meetings sponsored by the Thai Government.\*
2. Rather than snub the officials to anti-Communist efforts, the conferences have embittered them, because most of the officials realize that they were invited to Bangkok purposely to receive anti-Communist material under the guise of "administrative training sessions" and resent such tactics on the part of the Government. One official declared that the meetings had been arranged as a result of political pressure by the United States, and that he believed Premier Phibun Songgram to be a puppet of the United States.
3. This attitude, which prevails among some of the fair-minded (sic) officials, is being exploited by young officials who are graduates of the University of Moral and Political Sciences (UMPS)\*\*. The following example illustrates the influence of these young UMPS graduates among the provincial officials: The Deputy Commissioner of Ayuthia told of a local "welfare committee" which planned to hold a charity football game and donate the proceeds to the Thai Expeditionary Force. The nine young prosecutors of Ayuthia, of whom all were UMPS graduates, voted against the proposal. As a result, it was decided to donate the proceeds to an orphans' fund.

25X1A \* [REDACTED] Comment. The Thai Government planned that as many provincial officials as possible would attend three Bangkok sessions, to witness new methods in such fields as mechanized agriculture and public hygiene. Approximately 500 to 600 officials attended the sessions.

25X1A      \*\* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] it was stated that students of the University of Moral and Political Sciences had been recruited to work on the "Stockholm" Peace Appeal campaign during December 1950 and January 1951.

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